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THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL.



PRIOR PARK, BATH.

The Bishop's School,

PRIOR PARK, BATH.



THE Prior Park Estate formed in pre-Reformation days the Country Estate and summer residence of the Priors of Bath Abbey. The magnificent pile of buildings now forming the College was commenced by Ralph Allen in 1742 from designs of the great Architect Wood.

During Allen's lifetime the Mansion House was the resort of many men eminent in various walks of life—Frederick, Prince of Wales, the elder Pitt, Pope, Fielding, Smollett, Garrick and Gainsborough were his frequent guests.

The estate passed from the Allen family in 1807, and was purchased by Bishop Baines in 1829.

The Bishop built the two Colleges which form the wings of the original Mansion, and established a School for Junior and also for Ecclesiastical Students which did excellent work for many years, notwithstanding the difficulties under which Catholics then laboured.

In January, 1856, the School was discontinued, but was re-opened by Bishop Clifford in 1867, and the greatest exertions were made by that venerable and saintly Prelate to improve the Colleges and bring them thoroughly abreast of modern requirements.

The beautiful Roman Church was opened on the occasion of Bishop Clifford's Jubilee in 1882.

On his death in 1893, the Mansion House and Colleges were leased to the Irish Christian Brothers, who for seven years carried on an excellent School. It was felt, however, that, contrary to its second founder's intentions, the establishment had ceased to be a centre of diocesan interests, and accordingly one of the first cares of Bishop Burton on his accession to the See of Clifton was to bring it into close touch with the Diocese by resuming its immediate direction and control.



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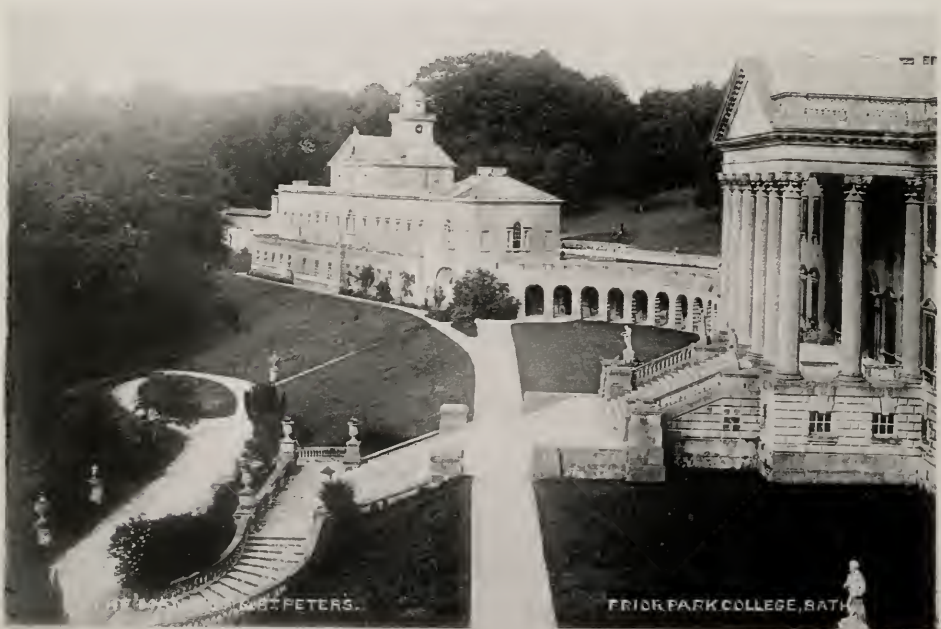
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THE GYMNASIUM

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THE RACQUET COURT.

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The Junior School will be carried on at St. Peter's College, which forms the eastern wing. It is equipped with every modern comfort for young boys, and the domestic arrangements being carefully looked after by an experienced Matron. There is a well stocked Library for the use of the Junior Scholars, who have a separate play-ground and play-rooms.

The Senior School is carried on at St. Paul's College, which forms the western wing. This is intended for older boys. Each Student has a separate bedroom.

The Students have a Library of suitable books, and a well equipped Physical and Chemical Laboratory.

The general arrangements of the Colleges include a large tepid swimming bath, playing fields, a Gymnasium, and some 30 acres of beautiful woods and park.

The Bishop's scheme is to provide an Education which shall include not only a good classical training, but also a thorough commercial course well calculated to enable boys to enter with confidence of success upon business pursuits.

Students are prepared for any Public Examination useful for the Professions they may intend to join.

The greatest care is taken not only to train boys systematically in morality and in the practice of their religion, but also to so instruct them in the knowledge of religious dogma and history as to enable them to hold their own in matters of faith when thrown into non-Catholic surroundings.

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